

Daily Chatter

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2003

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
 Non-Pro 2nd go-round
 8 sets • 118 riders

NCHA Futurity Mixed Sale
 9:00 a.m. Watt Arena

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 7:00 a.m.
 Amateur 1st go-round
 7 sets • 98 riders

NCHA Futurity Mixed Sale
 9:00 a.m. Watt Arena

Goodnight Gala
 Worthington

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
 Amateur 1st go-round
 9 sets • 128 riders

NCHA Futurity
 Preferred Breeders Sale
 9:00 a.m. John Justin Arena



Shoppers note:
 The Western Mercantile in the
 Exhibit Hall opens for business
 at 9:00 a.m. today.

Diehl tallies 434 to lead average

Ferguson beats them all Saturday with 218.5



Last year's Non-Pro Futurity Reserve Champion, Scott Ferguson, of Hempstead, TX, scored 218.5 on Laredo Blue to lead all contenders on Saturday.

Curry Diehl was a bit concerned about riding in yesterday's first herd because the cattle were "a little steppy" and his horse, High Brow Luau, had developed an abscess in her left hind foot.

Diehl had scored 218 in the first round and just wanted to play it safe. His first cow cooperated, but the second one gave him a few anxious moments.

"She was pushing on my horse pretty hard and I couldn't get off," he explained. "I probably held her for thirty or forty seconds. After that, I just kind of died in the

herd."

Diehl's 216-point score, combined with his first, gave him the high cumulative average at the conclusion of yesterday's action.

"She's the best futurity colt I've had by far," said Diehl, 20, who won the 2003 Super Stakes Amateur Classic and was a Non-Pro finalist on Deal Me A Jerry. "She feels like a 10-year-old, she's so with it. And she can move faster than any horse I've ever been on."

Diehl's mother and stepfather,

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Left to right: Curry Diehl, of Ruskin, FL, leads the ranks with 434 on High Brow Luau; Janet Westfall, of Los Olivos, CA, rode homebred Jeeps Posi Traction to mark 217.5, yesterday's second-highest score; Skip Queen, of Lipan, TX, ranks second in cumulative average with 433 scored on Nurse Cheri Rey.

Yesterday's leaders, from page 1

Ora and Frank Diehl, of Ruskin, FL, purchased High Brow Luau, by High Brow Cat, from Leon Harrel last spring, then sent her to Mike Mowery, who has been working with Curry, to finish her for the Futurity.

True blue

2002 NCHA Futurity Non-Pro reserve champion Scott Ferguson didn't have much margin for error yesterday, when he rode Laredo Blue to the herd as the first horse to work in the third bunch.

"I was a little nervous because we had a bobble in the first go-round with

a 212," he explained. "I needed to do enough to keep me in the game. I kind of took him out of the cutting the other day, so I just wanted to be safe."

Ferguson's 218.5 was more than enough for a ticket to the Non-Pro Semi-Finals. He also tallied 427.5 in the Non-Pro aboard Gay Bar Memories, and qualified for the Open Semi-Finals on Laredo Blue.

Ferguson purchased Laredo Blue sight unseen as a yearling, when Betsy Mecom called to tell him about a Mecom Blue-sired colt she had for sale.

"I had told Betsy that I had always wanted a Mecom Blue and I was very lucky to get him, Ferguson said. "After I started him on cattle, I knew he was probably going to be a super star. He is very athletic and really cow smart."

Ferguson was 2000 NCHA Futurity Limited Non-Pro champion on Miss Five Across and Non-Pro Reserve last year on Royalty Cat. He also bred and trained Jerryoes, Chad Bushaw's 2001 NCHA Futurity Non-Pro champion.



You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

- Whitney Barker Ridgeland, SC
- William Black..... Spiceland, IN
- John Brown..... Oberlin, KS
- Carl Burke..... Columbus, GA
- Dee Burney Joshua, TX
- Ranald Cameron Fort Morgan, CO
- Candy ChristofersonBillings, MT
- Norman Clark..... Dos Palos, CA
- Zoe Murphy Compton..... Basalt, CO
- Gene Cook Kentwood, LA
- Joyce Corda..... Petaluma, CA
- Norma Drobot Canada
- Rex & Gwen Eeds..... Claude, TX
- Tammy Evans Chaska, MN
- Lauren Baker Glass Weatherford, TX
- Debbie Hall Paso Robles, CA
- Terry Harlan Hico, TX
- Thomas Hartranft Md .. Worthington, OH
- Wayne Havens..... Sutter Creek, CA
- Steve Henning Citra, FL
- Vann Hurst Chesterfield, SC
- Jonathan Lachmiller Hye, TX
- Vickie Lambe Lake Waccamaw, NC
- Don Laporte Dover, OK
- Ray Logan Kechi, KS

- Inez Mcallister.....Yakima, WA
- Ed Metzler..... Murrieta, CA
- Jerry Moore.....Damon, TX
- Jay Morrison Peterson, MN
- Timothy O'Brien..... Saint Amant, LA
- Rachael O'Connor..... Zephyrhills, FL
- Ron O'Neal..... Eads, CO
- Diana Pantry Ardmore, OK
- Randy Peterson..... Alpena, SD
- David Phair Chula Vista, CA
- Alan Pinkston..... Mountain Home, AR
- Carol Quisenberry..... Lebanon, TN
- Deborah Rich Brenham, TX
- Craig Richardson Atlanta, GA
- Terra Savage..... Burlington, NC
- Ed Searcy Fort Worth, TX
- Torri Slaby..... Jackson, MI
- Jane Teel Argyle, TX
- Thomas Harvey Turner..... Bonham, TX
- Les Wardlow Muskogee, OK
- Zack Waters Canton, TX
- Frank Wheatley Old Fort, TN
- Wesley Wilburn..... Elm Springs, SD
- Gary Wright Stephenville, TX

Heading to the NCHA World Finals?

Visit the Amarillo CVC across from the Show Office for help in getting the best hotel rates, and for more information about Amarillo



Al Dunning receives Zane Schulte Award

Al Dunning of Scottsdale, Arizona received the Zane Schulte Award last night at the NCHA Hall of Fame and Awards Party. Dunning, pictured at right with Tom and Barbra Schulte, joins previous recipients Dale Wilkinson and Bill Riddle. The award was created to honor integrity, service and leadership, in memory of the Schultes' son, who died from cancer at the age of 16.

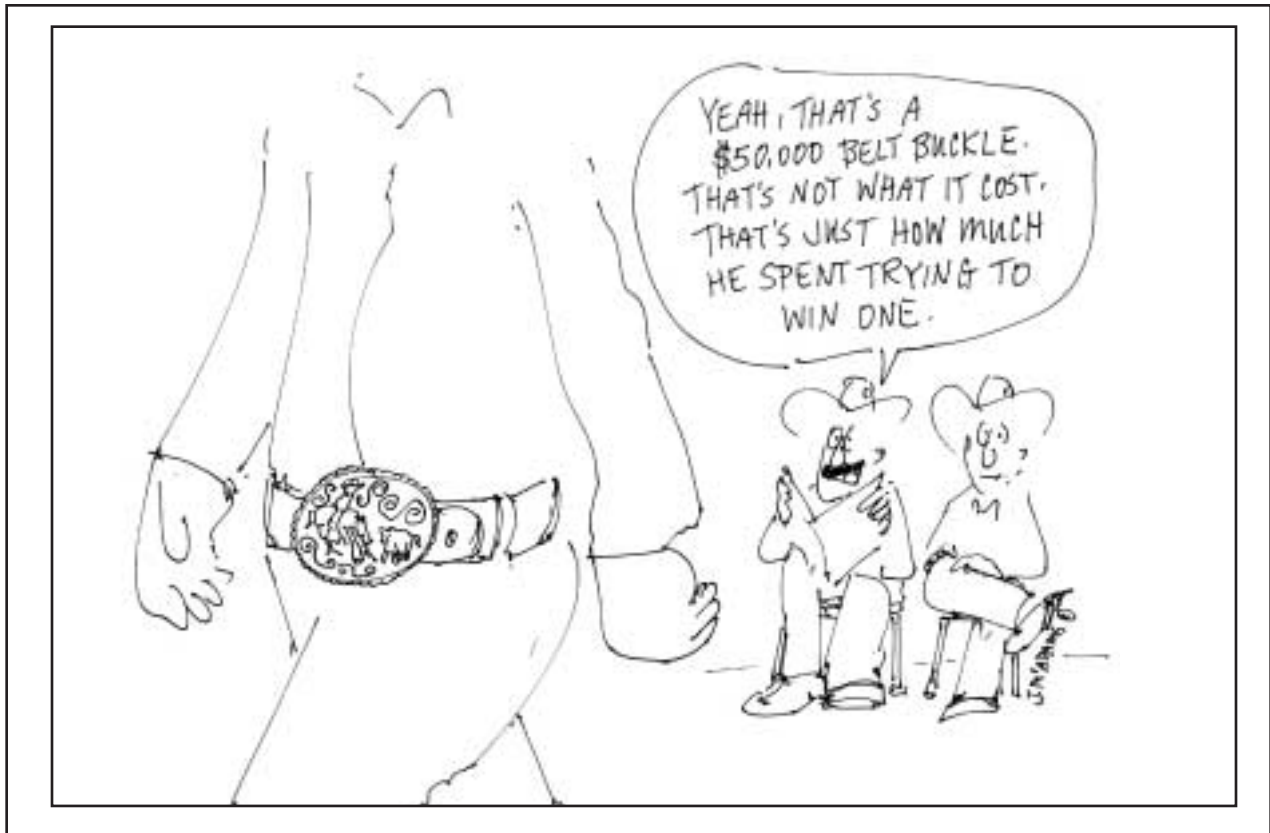
The evening also recognized this year's Hall of Fame inductees Tag Rice, Robert Rust, Robert Charles Brown, Waddy Hills, Harriott Playgirl, Rosies Lena, Stanley Bush, Edley Hixson Jr., and W.S. "Billy" Morris III.

And there was plenty of entertainment on top of that . . .



- 1 Ascencion Banuelos serenaded the crowd.
- 2 Ben Emison drove the fans wild before he left the building.
- 3 Tom Holt performed his Granny Award-winning rendition of "My Heroes Have Always Been Cutters."
- 4 Trainer Gary Gonsalves should maybe think about keeping his day job a little while longer.

Photos by Ross Hecox.



Cartoonist Jerry McAdams, "that cow art guy," is publisher of the Hico News Review and a nationally recognized artist whose favorite subjects are horses and cattle.

BLUE PLATE SPECIALS

Buffet Lunch • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Exhibit Hall just
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TODAY'S MYSTERY PHOTO



The first person to identify the riders in today's Mystery Photo will win dinner for 2 at The Railhead Smokehouse.

Submit your answer in writing to Carolyn Crist in the Show Office. The winner will be identified in tomorrow's Daily Chatter.



Kurt Hess wins lunch for 2 at Joe's Crab Shack for his caption to yesterday's Mystery Photo: "I may have bred the bone and size out of these Futurity horses, but, gosh, they have a bright look!"

Honorable mentions go to Larry Reeder for: "I promise you these cutting horses are just what you need for the Futurity, if we can just convince the cattle committee to get the right kind of cattle."

And Stony Humphries for: "The world's tallest man visits Fort Worth."

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Part I - Sat. Dec. 6 • Sun. Dec. 7 • Mon. Dec. 8

9:00 a.m. Daily • Watt Arena • On the grounds at Will Rogers Equestrian Center

Every Single Day Will include a Variety of Yearlings, Broodmares, 2-Year-Olds & Seasoned Show Horses

MONDAY, DEC. 8 SPECIAL FEATURE

In addition to the 42 Yearlings & Broodmares selling, 64 Two-Year-Olds sell.

"There are some terrific prospects in this group."

Every 2-year-old sells while working cattle live – so come be the judge.

6666 RANCH

PLAYIN PLAYGUN, 2001 gray gelding (Playin Stylish x Little Playgun by Playgun)
BOB & KAY ANDERSON
MISS FIRED PISTOL, 2001 sorrel mare (Smart Little Pistol x Tykes Peppy Doll by Peppy San Badger)
ROYAL SMART ZAN, 2001 bay gelding (Smart Gold Zan x Miss Royal Model by Docs Soxy Chex)
POCOS LASH LA RUE, 2001 sorrel gelding (Poco San Scorpion x Lulu La Rue by Pirate Peppy)
PERFECTIONS PRIDE, 2001 sorrel mare (John Elway x Prides Ms Perfection by Perfection's Clegg)
CAROLL M. BAGGETT
DARK VELVET CAT, 2001 bay mare (High Brow Cat x Lacy Oak by Doc's Oak)
BAR H RANCHE
MISS SMOKIN GARFIELD, 2001 bay mare (Kits Little Garfield x Smokin Huntress by Smokin Jose)
MATTHEW TWENTY TWO, 2001 sorrel stallion (Dual Pep x Shorty Lena Pearl by Shorty Lena)
CD BONUS, 2001 sorrel stallion (CD Olena x Playboys Ann Doc by Freckles Playboy)
DUAL WHAT, 2001 bay mare (Dual Pep x Pegis Pretty Peppy by Peppy San Badger)
JOE BARKSDALE
INSTANT GHOST (APHA), 2001 bay/solid mare (SR Instant Choice x Solanos Ghost by Deacon Solano)
BARRY'S LIVESTOCK
SHA WING, 2001 black stallion (Justa Swinging Peppy x Lady O Lena by Pure O Lena)
PAUL BLAKE
DOC A HICKORY, 2001 chestnut stallion (High Brow Hickory x Doc A Freckles by Colonel Freckles)
DIRK BLAKESLEY
A MODEL MERADA, 2001 sorrel gelding (Meradas Money Talks x Holly Model Hickory by Doc's Hickory)
SANDIE BRADEN
ESPECIAL PLAYGUN, 2001 gray stallion (Playgun x Lost Quixote by Especial)
MILT & MARY BRADFORD
DUALIN WITH FRECKLES, 2001 sorrel mare (Kit Dual x Farah Freckles by Colonel Freckles)
TOM CAMPBELL, AGENT
MISS ALSO N HALLMARK, 2001 sorrel mare (SR Hallmarked x Miss Peppy Also by Mr San Peppy)
FRECKLES LIKE MOM, 2001 sorrel mare (SR Hallmarked x Freckles Playgirl by Jewel's Leo Bars)
MIKE & CONNIE CHAMBERS
JG LIL QUIXOTE CAT, 2001 sorrel mare (A Hocus Pocus Cat x SR Hot Stuff by Doc Quixote)

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PARADOX DUALETTA, 2001 chestnut mare (Dual Pep x Hickorys Handy Kandy by Doc's Hickory)
TRAVS PRETTY BABY, 2001 dun mare (Travalena x Ms I Brow by High Brow Hickory)
BILLY COGDELL
STYLIN CEE, 2001 sorrel gelding (Playin Stylish x Sierra O Lena by Maxi Lena)
DICK COGDELL
SUGAR SHAKES, 2001 red dun mare (High Brow Hickory x Lenas Sugaree by Maxi Lena)
LADONNA DENNIS
JUSTASWINGINFRECKLES, 2001 sorrel mare (Justa Swinging Peppy x Genuine Young Gun by Young Gun)
DUDLEY PERFORMANCE HORSES
PATIENT PEPPY DOC, 2001 gray stallion (Smart Peppy Doc x Patient Patent by Roll Yer Own)
EL CID LAND & CATTLE
MY LIL CHULA, 2001 bay mare (Chula Dual x Smart Little Margie by Smart Little Lena)
JEWELS POCO DOLLY, 2001 sorrel mare (Lenas Jewel Bars x Hickorys Poco Doll by Doc's Hickory)
SMART LIL MARMOSET, 2001 sorrel stallion (Smart Little Lena x Miss Marmoset by Peppy San Badger)
INSTANT LIL LENA, 2001 bay stallion (SR Instant Choice x Mary Jo Lena by Doc O'Lena)
FALCON SEABOARD RANCHES
MEAN LEAN HICKORY, 2001 bay gelding (Doc's Hickory x Filla Mina O Lena by Doc O'Lena)
DICK GAINES
KD DUALIN PINE, 2001 chestnut gelding (Dualin Jewels x KD Fletch by Jae Bar Fletch)
POOKIE LENA, 2001 sorrel gelding (CD Olena x Lena Fletch by Jae Bar Fletch)
KEITH HAYNES
SMART SAM I AM (APHA), 2001 bay/tobiano stallion (Color Me Smart x Waltons Rose by Doc's Hickory)
SAMMY HOOPER
JUSTA SWINGING WANDA, 2001 sorrel mare (Justa Swinging Peppy x Athena Wanda by Athena Bede)
SHAWN HOOPER
GO LITTLE JERRY, 2001 sorrel mare (Smart Little Jerry x Go Flashy Neva by Little Peppy Sam)
RON KNUTSON
IMA SMART SWINGER, 2001 chestnut stallion (Justa Swinging Peppy x Smart Linda by Smart Little Lena)

SANITA REMINITA, 2001 bay mare (Reminic x Docs Last Sanita by Sonita's Last)

LAMARR CUTTING HORSES

DUNN LITTLE JERRY, 2001 red dun gelding (Smart Little Jerry x High Brows Lil Peppy by High Brow Hickory)
MIKE LUTTRELL
ISLAND STYLE (APHA), 2001 sorrel/overo mare (Playin Stylish x Cutters Prettyface by Doc's Malbec)
MICHAEL & SHERI MCGHEE
GRAY PISTOLS GEM, 2001 gray mare (Smart Little Pistol x Gems Miss Heleo by Doc Bar Gem)
TONY & DEBORAH MCKEE
BARMAIDS JEWEL, 2001 sorrel mare (Lenas Jewel Bars x Smart Little Barmaid by Smart Little Lena)
STANLEY & TARYN MORRIS
SNORTY GIRL, 2001 bay mare (Snorty Lena x Stardust Jewels by Lenas Jewel Bars)
GEORGE & JANET NEUFELD
INSTANT JEWEL, 2001 bay gelding (SR Instant Choice x Ceelenas Jewel by Lenas Jewel Bars)
PAINTED SPRINGS FARM
HICKORYS NINE LIVES, 2001 sorrel stallion (Kit Dual x Peppy Docs Hickory by Doc's Hickory)
PERFORMANCE HORSE PARTNERS
LITTLE ACRE PLAYER, 2001 sorrel stallion (Bob Acre Doc x Little Player by Freckles Playboy)
TWIST TO PLAY, 2001 sorrel stallion (Freckles Playboy x Smart Little Twist by Smart Little Lena)
BRYAN SCHEER
RW LONE OAK, 2001 bay stallion (Doc's Oak x Imapeppy Doll by Imapeppysandoc)
ELLEN ASWELL SEAY
DEE PLAYGUN, 2001 gray mare (Playgun x Dee Bar Glo by Doc's Dee Bar)
SHADY GROVE FARM INC
SGF SHANNAS PLAYBOY, 2001 sorrel mare (Freckles Playboy x Lena Lady Badger by Peppy San Badger)

SG SMART LIL PLAYBOY, 2001 chestnut stallion (Smart Little Lena x Fancy Silk Lena by Freckles Playboy)

RODNEY SHARP

SOLETARY CAT, 2001 sorrel gelding (High Brow Cat x Soletary Freckle by Freckles Playboy)
GET BACK ZACK, 2001 sorrel gelding (Zack T Wood x DJS Angel Girl by Dual Jazz)
LUCKY NURSE, 2001 sorrel gelding (Kit Dual x Loverboys Nurse by Freckles Playboy)
SLATE RIVER RANCH
BUNNY N BOBBY, 2001 sorrel mare (Peponitas Acre x Bunny of The Year by Freckles Playboy)
KITTY COLA, 2001 sorrel mare (Kit Dual x Pepsi Gay Bar by Peppy San Bager)
JAMES W. TELLES
PENDING, 2001 sorrel gelding (Tangys Classy Peppy x Lenas Blue Frost by Lenas Jewel Bars)
ROB & CARRIE TIEMANN
SANJO TRINKA, 2001 bay mare (San Jo Lena x Colonel Trinka by Colonel Freckles)
TWISTED L RANCH
UVALDES BUENO ECHO (APHA), 2001 sorrel/tobiano mare (Uvalde Gal x Dry Sans Echo by Dry San)
SMART GALLA GAL, 2001 sorrel mare (Smart Lil Paradigm x Galla Gal by Dual Pep)
DEE VANDERGRIF
JOE JOE SUN, 2001 bay gelding (Mr Sun O Lena x Tachos Alicia by Tacho Peppy)
KEITH WHEELIS
HAIDAS CAT ATTACK, 2001 sorrel stallion (Cattin x Partners Heartbeat by Haidas Little Pep)
ANDY WILLIAMS
LIL WILOBEE, 2001 sorrel stallion (Peppys Lil Wil x Lenas Bobette by Bob Acre Doc)
VAL WILLIAMS
SMART ARROW (APHA), 2001 bay/tobiano stallion (Color Me Smart x Leas No Smokin by Mr Gun Smoke)
GRAY BAR CHOICE, 2001 gray gelding (SR Instant Choice x Clarks Benito Bar by Clark's Doc Bar)



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